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Extension of the supply of electricity in Malabar.

* 461 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any schemes for the extension of the supply of electricity in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" Are the Government aware that the distance between Badagara and Quilandy is only twenty miles and that extension of electricity will not cost much? By the extension of electricity, Government would be providing electricity to one of the most backward taluk, namely, the Kurumbranad taluk. Will the Government therefore take up the Badagara electricity extension scheme in the near future? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It will be taken up in the order of priority, Sir."

Appointment of a committee to enquire into grievances of bus and lorry operators.

* 462 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government are contemplating the constitution of a committee to go into the grievances of the bus and lorry operators?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is in the negative."

Second Five-Year Plan for the Madras State.

* 463 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of works that have been recommended by the Government for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Second Five-Year Plan for the Madras State has not yet been finalized."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" So far, nothing is known of the investigation regarding the construction of a reservoir for the Sangaraparani River in Gingee taluk in South Arcot district. Will the Government investigate the scheme fully and include it in the Second Five-Year Plan? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is going into details."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I find there are two projects under consideration so far as South Arcot district

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 509 infra.

is concerned. I do not know whether the project mentioned by the hon. Member is included in them. The two projects under Government's consideration are—

(1) Manimuuthar Nathi Reservoir Project.

(2) Gomugi Reservoir Project.''

Sri R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" இருப்புப் பாதைகள் அமைப்பது சம்பந்தமாக சிபார்சு செய்கிருர்களா ; அப்படியானல் திருநெல்வேலிக்கும், கன்னியாகுமரிக்கும் இருப்புப் பாதை அமைக்கவேண்டியது மிகவும் அவசியமானது. அதை இரண்டாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் சேர்கக சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry I do not have the detailed information at hand.''

Sri N. MAHALINGAM :—" What is the position that the lignite investigation in South Arcot occupies in the Second Five-Year Plan? ''

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is under special consideration apart from the Second Five-Year Plan.''

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Have instructions been received from the Centre that the State schemes to be included under the Second Five-Year Plan should be finalized and should be sent to them before a particular date? ''

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That matter will come up before the House. After obtaining the views of the House, we would send the list of schemes to the Central Government.''

Starting of an Ayurvedic Research Institute.

* 464 *Q.*—Sri M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to start an Ayurvedic Research Institute in the State; and

(*b*) if so, where it is proposed to be located?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The question does not arise.''

Number of votes declared invalid in district board elections.

* 465 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the total number of votes invalidated in the recent district board elections in the various districts in the State?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI :—" A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.''

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 510 infra.